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# SPECIAL PLACES

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FOR MEMBERS AND DONORS OF  
THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS



The Southeastern Massachusetts Bioreserve lies east of North Watuppa Pond from the City of Fall River.

## Public-Private Partnership Establishes 14,000-Acre Southeastern Massachusetts Bioreserve

In November, The Trustees of Reservations joined the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Fall River as the nonprofit partner in the establishment of the state's first "bioreserve." Located within ten miles of more than 400,000 people, including the nearby urban communities of Fall River and New Bedford, the emerging 14,000-acre Southeastern Massachusetts Bioreserve represents a unique aggregation of protected lands including the 3,800-acre former Acushnet Sawmill Property, 10,200 acres of state forest and wildlife management areas, and city-owned watershed land. In addition, Fall River's two reservoirs, totaling 2,000 acres of water surface, contribute to the scenic and ecological significance of the bioreserve. The bioreserve will be managed by the respective owners under an ecologically-sensitive management plan, with sections open to the public for passive recreation.

To date, there are 47 designated bioreserves in the United States. Examples in the northeast include the New Jersey Pinelands, the Champlain-Adirondack Bioreserve in New York and Vermont, and the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest in New Hampshire. A "bioreserve" is a large assemblage of land, often under multiple ownership and joint management, that is protected for the benefit of wildlife, natural communities, and ecosystems. Although Massachusetts has large tracts of

protected land, the bioreserve concept is new to the state. The commitment to the Southeastern Massachusetts Bioreserve has recently led a state task force to identify additional areas in the Commonwealth as sites of potential future bioreserves.

The Southeastern Massachusetts Bioreserve includes a mosaic of diverse natural communities, some of which are considered "at-risk" by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. The area encompasses three types of aquatic water bodies, thirteen types of freshwater wetlands, and twelve types of upland natural communities. Examples of the priority communities include coastal Atlantic White Cedar, pitch pine-scrub oak barrens, and an abundance of vernal pools.

The Trustees of Reservations has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement, Department of Environmental Management, City of Fall River, and Fall River Redevelopment Authority. All parties are working together to develop a master plan that will guide the overall management of the Bioreserve, and continue to protect the City's public water supply.

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## The Catch-22 of Land Conservation

Did you ever think that Catch-22 might describe the land conservation work of The Trustees of Reservations? More often than not, a successful outcome depends on the support of a strong, local constituency—both individuals and organizational partners in communities like yours.

Did you ever wonder, though, how that strong local support came to be in the first place? In most cases, it developed over time as people interested in conservation, stewardship, education, and recreation become more aware of and interested in The Trustees. Clearly, it is very difficult to accomplish our work in regions of the state where we are not active, but we must not overlook these areas. Introducing the Commonwealth's residents to the wonderful diversity of our conserved landscapes should not mean asking them to drive to some other part of the state. It should mean experiencing and helping to preserve that diversity right in their own proverbial "back yard."

One such example involved the protection of Peaked Mountain in Monson, a small town in south Hampden County on the Connecticut border. As the reservation became a reality, the local public got to know The Trustees of Reservations. It was the generosity and vision of a few local conservationists and the momentous support of many of the area's local residents and conservation groups that enabled the creation of a new 296-acre reservation at Peaked Mountain. This achievement has inspired the organization to continue to seek new land conservation opportunities in other parts of the state.

The Southeastern Massachusetts Bioreserve initiative highlighted in this issue's cover story represents another important effort to break this Catch-22, this time in Buzzards Bay. Indeed, the almost half-million residents of Fall River, New Bedford, and surrounding communities have a 14,000-acre treasure right in their own "back yard," and we are very excited to be a participant in its protection. This major project will allow us to

serve area residents in new and exciting ways, and we hope they will become part of a strong, new constituency for our conservation work in the region.

To be true to our mission, we must work statewide. Undertaking land conservation in new parts of the state requires a deep commitment to—and an investment in—the ideals of our mission. We seek to develop strong local partnerships in Buzzards Bay and marshal the necessary resources and energy needed to make the Southeast Massachusetts Bioreserve a great success. We are on our way, and I very much hope that you will join us in supporting this and other bold new initiatives as we stretch to make the work of The Trustees of Reservations meaningful to people in every corner of the state.

Andrew Kendall  
Executive Director

## New Charitable Tax Deduction For Massachusetts Residents!

Massachusetts voters have endorsed a ballot initiative that will allow taxpayers to deduct, to the extent allowed by law, charitable contributions on their state income tax returns. Massachusetts was one of only eight states in the nation with a personal income tax that did **not** provide such a deduction. This new deduction, for charitable contributions made on or after January 1, 2001, is available to all Massachusetts taxpayers, including those who do not itemize on their federal income tax returns.

**What does this mean for you?** The deductible portion of your membership dues and all of your annual appeal contributions to The Trustees of Reservations will be deductible annually beginning with your 2001 Massachusetts state income tax return.

Economists estimate that this new tax deduction could generate \$160 million in additional charitable contributions, hopefully erasing the Commonwealth's recent last place finish in the *Chronicle of Philanthropy's* "Generosity Index," a measure of personal charitable giving in relation to income.

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Founded in 1891, The Trustees of Reservations is a member-supported nonprofit conservation organization which preserves, for public use and enjoyment, properties of exceptional scenic, historic, and ecological value in Massachusetts and works to protect special places across the state. Today, The Trustees owns, manages, and interprets 87 reservations totaling over 22,000 acres of land, and protects more than 12,700 acres through the use of conservation restrictions on 192 parcels of private land. The Trustees of Reservations is not an agency of state government. We rely for support entirely upon membership dues, contributions, grants, reservation receipts, special events, and endowments.

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## Bioreserve...

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Key to the creation of the bioserve is the acquisition of the Achushnet Sawmill Property, an almost entirely forested landscape which the Hawes family operated over several generations as a center for wooden box making and cordwood harvesting. For many years, the Commonwealth and grassroots conservation groups in Buzzards Bay have worked for the property's protection. The purchase price of the Achushnet Sawmill Property is \$14.1 million; The Trustees of Reservations has pledged to raise \$2 million over the next two years towards this price. If successful, The Trustees will become owners of a 508-acre property within the Bioreserve (see map below). The property, old farmland, features extensive woodlands crossed by cart paths, foot trails, and stonewalls; open meadows; wetlands; and Millers Brook at the headwaters of the Westport River.

This new reservation will serve as the gateway to the entire Southeastern Massachusetts Bioreserve. By 2005, The Trustees must raise at least \$2 million more for the start-up and permanent



*will be forever protected as a vast habitat for plant and animal species.*

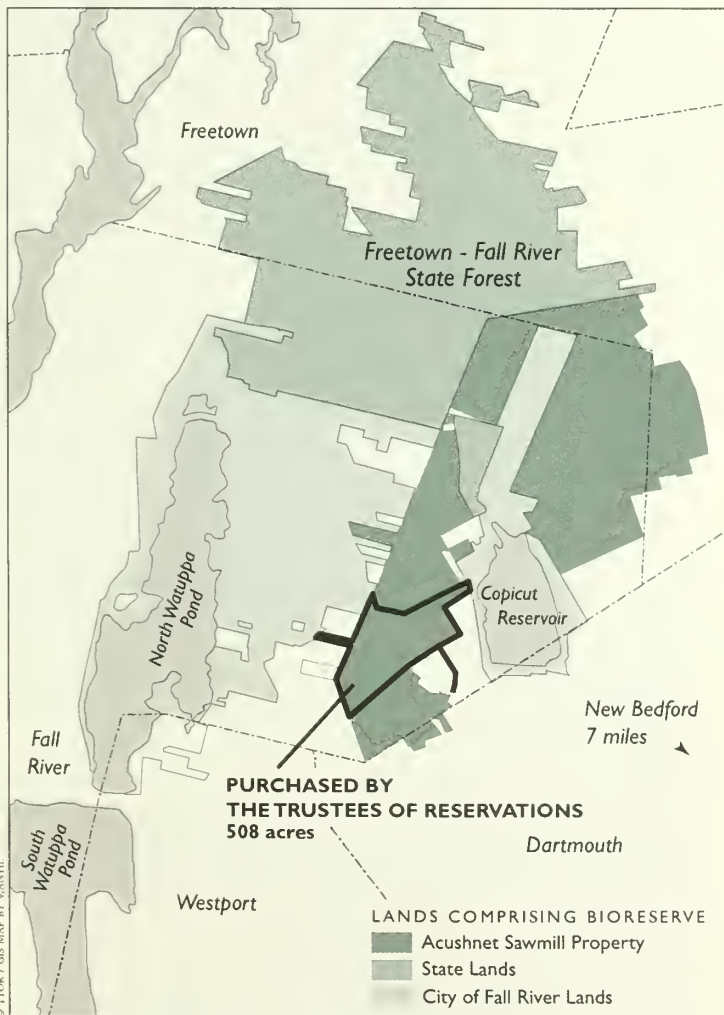
*Just as importantly, it will serve as a wonderful educational and recreational area where people can discover the natural world of which we are all a part."*

Bob Durand

Secretary, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs

endowment of the reservation and for the development and construction of a Bioreserve Gateway Center that will welcome visitors and serve as the focal point for outreach programs. As Executive Director Andy Kendall explains, "We want this precedent-setting project to engage the people, and especially the youth, of Fall River, New Bedford, and nearby communities in the exploration and appreciation of this huge block of protected land." The Trustees will work closely with local community leaders and organizations to identify opportunities and priorities for educational programs and visitor services. The Trustees is committed to making these programs available to all.

**This project is just getting underway. Look for further details in upcoming issues of *Special Places*. For more information, call Wes Ward at 978/524-1866 or e-mail him at [wward@ttor.org](mailto:wward@ttor.org). To make a donation, call Ann Powell at 978/524-1860.**



# LAND CONSERVATION

## Year End Wrap-up

### Farandnear to Become Future Reservation

Arthur S. Banks has made a generous gift to The Trustees of a remainder interest in his 82-acre property in Shirley called Farandnear, reserving a life estate (*see The Semper Virens Society profile on page 11*). Located along Center Road south of the historic village of Shirley, the property contains a variety of natural habitats including extensive wetlands, natural springs, a cranberry bog, and a stretch of Spruce Swamp Brook that flows through a steep, picturesque ravine known as "Paradise." In addition to his tireless efforts to acquire the numerous parcels that comprise Farandnear, Mr. Banks has created an impressive "pinetum" on the property, a collection of more than 80 varieties of pine trees from around the world, in addition to numerous other specimen plants. This gift follows the donation to The Trustees of a conservation restriction on the property in 1995. 🌲



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### Additions to Reservations



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#### BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD:

Mrs. Ann Grumpelt of Salisbury, Connecticut donated a scenic 36-acre parcel on Cooper Hill near Bartholomew's Cobble. The highly developable property includes pasture, old field, woodland, and wetland habitats and serves as a staging area for grassland birds such as bobolinks (*pictured left*) fledged from the Cobble's fields.

**CRANE WILDLIFE REFUGE, IPSWICH:** In early January, The Keddah Trust, composed of Lawrence G. Eliot, Carolyn E. Hitchcock, John Eliot, and Charles W. Eliot, III, donated approximately 10 acres of the ecologically sensitive Castle Neck River marshland located between the Argilla Road mainland and Pine Island, which was recently purchased by The Trustees from John and Sylvia Eliot. The gifted land is an important element of

the delicate marsh ecosystem protected by the landscapes comprising the Crane Estate, and will be included in the management plan currently being developed for the Crane Wildlife Refuge.

**MOUNTAIN MEADOW PRESERVE, WILLIAMSTOWN:** At year's end, with help from a good Williamstown friend and a bargain sale from owner Dr. James FitzGerald, The Trustees purchased an 85-acre tract of woodland on Mason Hill adjacent to Mountain Meadow Preserve.

The property sits high above the Hoosic River Valley, with stunning views to the south of Mount Greylock and the Taconics.



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### Massachusetts Land Conservation Trust (MLCT)

**KELLY ORCHARD, SHEFFIELD AND NEW MARLBOROUGH:** In partnership with the Sheffield Land Trust, the Massachusetts Land Conservation Trust (MLCT) completed an APR option-and-loan package with the Kelly family that temporarily secures this 310-acre orchard, farm, and woodland property until the Commonwealth can purchase an APR, anticipated later in 2001. The property is adjacent to Three-Mile Pond and East Mountain State Forest, both owned by the Commonwealth.

**HOLLOW BROOK FARM, BRIMFIELD:** At the request of the Commonwealth, MLCT "pre-acquired" an APR from owners Ron and Linda Weston on this 77-acre farm along Hollow Brook, adjacent to Brimfield State Forest. Funds for the purchase were provided by an interest-free loan from the Norcross Wildlife Foundation, which will be repaid when the APR is sold to the Commonwealth.

### Conference Spotlights Economic Value of Conservation

On November 18, 2000, community, government, and business leaders from throughout Essex County attended the New Visions for Growth Leadership Conference, sponsored by the Environmental Stewardship Initiative of the Essex County Community Foundation and presented by The Trustees, along with 11 other environmental and charitable organizations. The day-long program, held at Endicott College in Beverly, featured workshops ranging from the "nuts and bolts" of land protection to urban revitalization, watershed protection, and ecotourism. Land Conservation Director Wes Ward and Ed Becker of Essex County Greenbelt Association presented the session on direct acquisition of conservation land, and Land Protection Specialist Peg Wheeler moderated the panel on the economic value of the environment to business. Peg represented The Trustees in the planning of the conference and will continue as a member of the Community Council of the Environmental Stewardship Initiative as it develops plans to build on the interest and enthusiasm expressed by those attending the Conference. 🌲



## Destruction Brook Woods Saved!

The Trustees and the Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust (DNRT) recently closed on the 303-acre Destruction Brook Woods. At the Dartmouth Town Meeting, citizens voted to appropriate \$300,000 towards the purchase price of \$1.6 million, while the remaining funds were raised locally. This property was once part of a manicured country estate. Its extensive trails and carriage paths allow hikers and horseback riders to experience the beauty of Destruction Brook, its three mill ponds, rock ledges, and mature woodlands. The property abuts Russell Mills Village, one of the original town centers of Dartmouth. The village retains much of its original appeal with a grange hall, general store, library, former church, and several historic homes. Destruction Brook Woods had been threatened by the development of up to 100 new homes that would have compromised the historic village as well as the health of Destruction Brook and the Slocum's River.

The Trustees and the Town of Dartmouth will co-hold a conservation restriction on the property, and DNRT will manage the land for public access. Management plans for Destruction Brook Woods include maintaining the trails, managing approximately 10 acres under active agriculture and, if possible, restoring the old gristmill.

The purchase of Destruction Brook Woods marks the third and final phase of the very successful Slocum's River Conservation

Project, begun in 1998. Phase I was the acquisition of the 116-acre Island View Farm, which includes the 47-acre Slocum's River Reserve that opened in September 2000. Phase II was the protection of the 641-acre Dartmoor Farm which has 91 acres of prime soils and is one of the most important agricultural properties in Dartmouth. With the acquisition of Destruction Brook Woods, the Slocum's River Conservation



Project has resulted in the protection of 1,060 acres of land in South Dartmouth. For more information about the opening of Destruction Brook Woods, call Leslie Badham at DNRT at 508/991-2289. ☎

## Foundation Grant to Support Land Conservation in Western Massachusetts

West of the Connecticut River Valley in Massachusetts, and stretching to the Berkshires, is a sparsely populated region of rolling, forested hills, small farms, and quintessential New England villages. Encompassing 38 towns with a year-round population of 40,000 people, it is a region that enjoys remarkable natural resources but also faces economic challenges and increasing development pressures.

The Trustees has received funding from the Wyomissing Foundation of Pennsylvania for the first year of a multi-year grant to promote land conservation and community preservation in this region. Administered out of our new Northampton Field Office, the grant will make it possible to support land conservation efforts on several fronts. An assessment of the resources and challenges this region offers will be a major focus of the first year. In addition, pilot programs will support development of local conservation and planning leadership through training and technical support, research on conservation and development issues within the region, and a small grants program for individual land and planning projects. For more information or to help, contact Charlie Wyman ([cwyman@ttor.org](mailto:cwyman@ttor.org)) or Jocelyn Forbush ([jforbush@ttor.org](mailto:jforbush@ttor.org)) in Northampton at 413-587-0716. ☎

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### conservation count



#### ACREAGE PROTECTED

LAND OWNED	87 reservations	22,128
LAND UNDER CR	192 parcels	12,701
(as of 12/31/00)		TOTAL 34,829

# MEMBER GETAWAY

## Take Advantage of Special Offer at The Inn at Castle Hill in Ipswich!

If you've always wanted to explore the beauty of the North Shore during late winter or early spring, now is a great time to make plans. The new Inn at Castle Hill on the Crane Estate in Ipswich is offering seasonal deals on mid-week stays and long weekend getaways for current members of The Trustees of Reservations (see details at right).

During 1999-2000, the historic shingle-style Brown Cottage at the foot of Castle Hill was transformed into the gracious Inn at Castle Hill, a luxury bed & breakfast inn. The Inn features ten guest rooms, almost all with views over Crane Beach, the Castle Neck River, and the Essex salt marshes. Rooms have private baths, are furnished with a mix of antiques and contemporary traditional furniture, and are decorated using a color palette that draws from the natural environ-



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ment surrounding the Inn. Guests enjoy wood-burning fireplaces in both the living room and old-world tavern. And, when the weather is nice, guests can enjoy the wrap-around veranda with its oak rocking chairs.

After heavy snowfall, enjoy cross-country skiing for miles along the shore of Crane Beach or snowshoe the extensive trails of Castle Hill. Explore Cedar Point at the mouth of the Ipswich River Estuary or take in a view of the Parker River Wildlife Refuge from the overlook at the end of the Grand Allee. After a refreshing outing, read and relax in front of an open fire while taking afternoon tea. Our staff will make sure that you're well-tended, relaxed, and comfortable!



▲ The Inn Crowd! (L-R) George Shattuck III, Innkeeper; Josh Butler, Assistant Manager; Sara Polsonetti, Assistant Innkeeper; Michael Pollack, Head Housekeeper

### RATES & RESERVATIONS

Room rates range from \$175-\$350 per night including continental breakfast (*a la carte* hot gourmet breakfast optional) and afternoon tea. Reservations may be made up to one year in advance. Two-night minimum stay required on weekends, and three nights on selected holiday weekends. Please observe a two-week cancellation notice (\$25 fee) prior to your arrival. Check-in after 3 PM; check-out by noon. Remember, all proceeds directly support the ongoing maintenance and conservation of the landscapes and buildings of the Crane Estate.

### Special Offer for Trustees Members!

From February 2nd to April 30th, 2001, current members of The Trustees of Reservations at the family level or higher can enjoy a special offer when staying at The Inn at Castle Hill. Stay for two nights between a Sunday and a Thursday night, and get the second night for free. Or, stay for two nights between a Thursday and a Sunday night, and get the second night for half price. To take advantage of this offer, provide your membership number when you make your reservation and present your current membership card with a photo ID when checking in.

### Who were the Cranes?

Industrialist Richard T. Crane, Sr. founded the Crane Company in Chicago in 1855. By the turn of the century, the Crane Company was among the country's most successful manufacturers and distributors of industrial valves and fittings, pumps, and steam engines as well as bathroom fixtures. Between World War I and the Great Depression, as Americans sought better plumbing and elaborate bathrooms and the world's naval fleets demanded superior steam valves and fittings, the



(LEFT TO RIGHT) Mr. Richard T. Crane Jr., son Cornelius, daughter Florence, and wife Florence.

Crane Company prospered. In 1910, Richard T. Crane, Jr., who succeeded his father in 1914 as President of the Crane Company, purchased 800 acres on and around Castle Hill for \$125,000. This was the first of many family land acquisitions that eventually formed the

impressive 3,500-acre Crane Estate, including 4-mile long Crane Beach, marshland, and several islands in the Essex River Estuary now known as the Crane Wildlife Refuge. Castle Hill was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1998 as one of the most important surviving landscapes of the Gilded Age (1880-1940).



# CALENDAR

UPDATED AND NEWLY SCHEDULED SPRING EVENTS  
LISTED IN DATE-ORDER BY REGION



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Look for this symbol near events which offer volunteer opportunities!

## CENTRAL REGION

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3 – 9 AM to 3 PM**

### **Zen and the Art of Apple Tree Restoration**

*Holbrook Property, Rutland 978/840-4446*

Join us for a hands-on apple tree pruning workshop. After a discussion of tools and techniques and a demonstration, participants will team up and restore one or more trees in the orchard. We'll have brush piles burning, so bring something to cook for lunch. Take home an instructional packet on pruning techniques. Dress warmly and bring work gloves and pruning tools. *No chainsaws, please.* Pre-register before February 28. Members: FREE. Non-members: \$25

**SUNDAY, MARCH 18 – 10 AM**

### **Monoosnoc in March**

*Pierce Park at the Doyle Reservation, Leominster 978/840-4446*

The Monoosnoc Trail is a nine-mile trail that runs along the Monoosnoc Hills in Leominster, linking conservation lands owned by city, state, and nonprofits. Join us for a guided hike of a section of this trail. Bring water and a lunch. Pre-register before March 16. Meet at Pierce Park. FREE TO ALL.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 25 – 10 AM to 4 PM**

### **Bah Humbug! Brush Party**

*Peaked Mountain, Monson 978/840-4446*

Help us return an overgrown Christmas tree plantation to meadow. Bring work gloves, appropriate clothing, and tools such as lopping shears or pruning saws. *No chainsaws, please.* Bring a lunch; drinks will be provided. Meet at the Miller Forest Tract entrance on Butler Road. Pre-register before March 21. FREE TO ALL.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 8 – 10 AM**

### **Trekking the Tully Trail**

*Tully Lake Campground, Doane Hill Road, Royalston 978/840-4446*

Hike of a section of the Tully Trail, an 18-mile loop trail that links conservation lands owned by public agencies and private organizations. Learn about the natural and cultural history of this rugged part of Massachusetts! NOTE: Sections of the trail are steep and rough. This will be a strenuous hike! Participants should wear appropriate clothing and footwear for wet and muddy spring conditions. Bring water and lunch. Pre-register before April 6. Meet at Tully Lake Campground. FREE TO ALL.

**MONDAY, APRIL 16**

### **Patriot's Day Celebration and Old Manse Season Opening**

*The Old Manse, Concord 978/369-3909*

Join in the 226th celebration of the Battle of The Old North Bridge with activities and refreshments beginning at 7:30 AM. Special house tours run 8 - 9:30 AM followed by regular tours from 11 AM - 5 PM. The Old Manse is open April through October, Monday through Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM. Sundays and holidays NOON to 5 PM. Members: FREE. Non-members: adult \$6.50, child (6-12) \$4.50, senior/student \$5.50.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 22 – 10 AM to 12 NOON**

### **Miller Forest Meander**

*Peaked Mountain, Monson 978/840-4446*

Join Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary naturalist Rebecca Jacobs for a hike around the Miller Forest Tract of Peaked Mountain. Look for signs of spring around Lunden Pond and along the new hiking trails. Pre-register before April 20. Members: FREE. Non-members: adult \$5, child (under 12) FREE.

**SUNDAY, MAY 6 – 10 AM to 3 PM**

### **Petersham Properties Trail Work Day**

*Brooks Woodland Preserve & Swift River Reservation, Petersham 978/840-4446*

We'll remove storm damage, cut back overgrown sections, and clear the trails in time for the summer season. Bring work gloves, tools (pruners, lopping shears, pruning saws), and lunch; drinks provided. *No chainsaws, please.* Pre-register before May 4. FREE TO ALL.

**SATURDAY, MAY 12 – 10 AM to 2 PM**

### **Natural History Tour of Nichewaug Tract**

*Swift River Reservation, Petersham 978/840-4446*

Pack a lunch and take a hike with naturalist and long-time Petersham resident Bob Clark. We'll search for spring wildflowers and explore upland meadows, wooded ridges, and banks of the Swift River. Meet at the Nichewaug Tract parking lot. Pre-register before May 10. Members: FREE. Non-members: adult \$5, child (under 12) FREE.

**SATURDAY, MAY 19 – 11 AM to 1 PM**

### **Pierce Park Grand Opening**

*Pierce Park at the Doyle Reservation, Leominster 978/840-4446*

Celebrate the official opening of this neighborhood park in Leominster. Once the core of a large estate owned by Harry W. Pierce, the 10-acre park retains many of the original trees and shrubs planted nearly 100 years ago. A short tour and history will be followed by a dedication. Refreshments provided. FREE TO ALL.

## ISLANDS REGION

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24 – 10 AM to 12 NOON**

### **Before the Burn — Long Point Wildlife Refuge**

*Long Point Wildlife Refuge, Martha's Vineyard 508/693-7662*

**THURSDAY, APRIL 26 – 7 PM to 9 PM**

### **Fire Ecology Slide Show and Equipment Demonstration**

*Wakeman Center Storer Building, Martha's Vineyard 508/693-7662*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2 – 10 AM to 12 NOON**

### **Long Point Wildlife Refuge — After the Burn**

*Long Point Wildlife Refuge, Martha's Vineyard 508/693-7662*

Interested in learning about prescribed burning on Martha's Vineyard? Join The Trustees and The Nature Conservancy Burn Team for these three events. The **Fire Ecology Series** will highlight the use of fire to restore habitats, show ecosystems before and after fire, and demonstrate the tools and equipment used for safe and effective burns. Meet at the winter parking lot for Long Point programs and at the Wakeman Center for slide show and equipment demo. FREE TO ALL.

**SATURDAY, MAY 26 – 2 PM to 5 PM**

### **Cape Poge Lighthouse 200th Birthday Bash**

*Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge, Martha's Vineyard 508/693-7662*

Celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Cape Poge Lighthouse. Join us for history, stories, and photos of the Island's second oldest lighthouse. Shuttle service will be available from the Dike Bridge all afternoon. FREE TO ALL.

**SATURDAYS, MARCH 17,**

**APRIL 14 & MAY 5 – 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM**

### **Menemsha Hills Discovery Walks**

*Menemsha Hills, Martha's Vineyard 508/693-7662*

Join Naturalist Jay Sigler for a leisurely walk through the trails of Menemsha Hills. Learn about the plants, animals, and history of this magnificent property. This 3-mile walk will take you through wet woodlands, majestic overlooks, and onto the beach. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. Meet at the Menemsha Hills parking lot. Members: adult \$3, child \$1. Non-members: adult \$5, child \$2.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29 – 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM**

### **Vernal Pools: A Unique Wetland Ecosystem**

*Menemsha Hills, Martha's Vineyard 508/693-7662*

What are vernal pools and why are they so important? Explore Menemsha Hill's only state certified vernal pool as we look for invertebrates and amphibians. Wear water-tight shoes. Meet at Menemsha Hills parking lot. Members: adult \$3, child \$1. Non-members: adult \$5, child \$2.

**SATURDAY, MAY 19 - 9 AM to 1 PM**

**Mytoi Spring Planting and Garden Cleanup**

Mytoi Garden, Martha's Vineyard 508/693-7662

Volunteers needed to help get the garden ready! Celebrate spring with a day of planting and caring for the Island's only Japanese-style garden. Bring work gloves and shovels; we will provide lunch. Help needed throughout the day. Please call to pre-register. FREE TO ALL.



**SATURDAYS, MARCH 17, APRIL 14, & MAY 12**

**Marine Debris Surveys at East Beach**

Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge, Martha's Vineyard 508/693-7662

Help The Trustees help The Center for Marine Conservation monitor trash that washes up on our shores. This local beach cleanup is part of a five-year study at 50 sites across the US. Volunteers are needed monthly. Times of survey vary.

Please contact Suzan Bellincampi at 508/693-7662.



## NORTHEAST REGION

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24 - 5 PM to 8 PM**

**The Best of Castle Hill — Food and Wine Tasting**

Great House at Castle Hill, The Crane Estate, Ipswich 978/356-4351

Experience the epicurean delights of selected caterers on Castle Hill's preferred list at this semi-formal event. Sample appetizers, hors d'oeuvres, and delectable desserts from some of the region's most acclaimed caterers; enjoy fine wines and champagnes; and listen to the classical sounds of the Copley Chamber Players. Advance ticket purchase recommended; tickets are limited, so call early. Members: \$40. Non-members: \$45.

### BEGINNING IN MAY

**Long Hill Horticultural Lecture and Workshop Series**

Long Hill, Beverly 978/921-1944

Register early for these popular lectures and workshops on many gardening subjects. Call for a brochure and further information or visit [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org).

**SATURDAY, MAY 12 - 10 AM to 3 PM**

**13th Annual Long Hill Plant Sale and Auction**

Long Hill, Beverly 978/921-1944

Join us for our annual plant sale and auction featuring unusual trees, shrubs, and perennials. FREE TO ALL.



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The Long Hill  
Plant Sale is  
on a new day...  
**SATURDAY!**

**SUNDAY, MAY 13**

**Mother's Day Tea and Tour - Seatings at 1 PM and 3 PM**

Great House at Castle Hill, The Crane Estate, Ipswich 978/356-4351

Treat your favorite mother to tea at The Great House. Enjoy a special buffet of gourmet tea sandwiches, sweets, and scones while sipping freshly steeped tea. Arrive early to tour the house and stroll the grounds of Castle Hill. Seating is limited. Reservations are required. Members: \$16. Non-members: \$26.

**SATURDAY, MAY 19 - 10 AM to 2 PM**

**The Stevens-Coolidge Place Annual Plant Sale**

The Stevens-Coolidge Place, North Andover 978/682-3580

Perennials, old roses, and unusual annuals will be for sale at this always-popular plant sale. Come enjoy the spring garden display. Plant sale preview begins at 9 AM. FREE TO ALL.



## SOUTHEAST REGION

If you or someone you know is unable to get out to one of our properties in the Southeast region due to a special need, we will try to accommodate you. Please call our Visitor Services Coordinator at 781/740-7233.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 15 - 6 PM**

**Volunteer Open House**

Weir River Farm, 227 East Street, Hingham 781/821-2977

We need your help! If you are interested in promoting the work of The Trustees and introducing our properties to others, please sign up as an event



volunteer. Meet with staff over coffee and dessert to share ideas. Please call to register. Park at Weir River Farm and meet inside the big, red barn.

**SUNDAY MARCH 18 - 10 AM**

**Exploring Whitney & Thayer Woods**

Whitney & Thayer Woods, Hingham 781/821-2977

Be among the first to use our new orienteering *quests* to explore this amazing reservation. Using a map and compass and following instructions in a *quest* booklet, you will navigate the property to find some of its more noteworthy features. Choose from one of three *quests* ranging from beginner to advanced. Meet at parking lot at the end of Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham. FREE TO ALL.

**WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 28 through MAY 9 - 3 PM to 5 PM**

**THURSDAYS, MARCH 29 through MAY 10 - 3 PM to 5 PM**

**Afternoon Nature Club in Hingham**

Children of elementary ages will love learning about ecology in this program series featuring nature-related games, hikes, and crafts. A different nature topic will be covered each week at either Weir River Farm, Whitney & Thayer Woods, or World's End. Wednesdays: ages 6-7; Thursdays: ages 8-10; Ten children per group. Pre-registration required; call 781/740-7233. Members: \$30. Non-members: \$40. Fee covers either Wednesday or Thursday series.

**MONDAYS, MARCH 19 through APRIL 23 (excludes April 16th)**

**Mom & Me Mondays (I)** Choose from 9:30 AM - 11 AM or 2 PM - 3:30 PM

**MONDAYS, APRIL 30 through MAY 28**

**Mom & Me Mondays (II)** Choose from 9:30 AM - 11 AM or 2 PM - 3:30 PM

Weir River Farm, Hingham 781/821-2977

Attention moms (and dads, too)! Weir River Farm is the perfect place for you and your little ones (3 1/2 - 5 years old) to learn about the farm, fields, and forest through stories, songs, and simple activities. Pre-registration required. Meet at the top of Turkey Hill. Members: \$25 Non-members: \$35. Fee is for one parent & child.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31 - 11 AM to 2 PM**

**Member Appreciation Day**

Weir River Farm, Hingham 781/821-2977

Adults and children alike will enjoy this special educational program for Trustees members only. Tour the barnyard! Learn about the current and historical significance of farm animals to our lives. Program includes refreshments and a hayride tour of the property. Park in Turkey Hill Lane lot. FREE TO MEMBERS.



**SATURDAY, APRIL 14 - 1 PM**

**Norris Reservation Discovery Hike**

Norris Reservation, Norwell 781/821-2977

Be among the first to view an exciting new addition to the reservation scheduled to open this fall. Enjoy the river, pond, vernal pools, and woodland while learning who makes them their home. Meet at the reservation parking lot. FREE TO ALL.

**APRIL 16 through 20**

**Vacation Explorations at World's End**

World's End, Hingham 781/821-2977

Join in on any of the following explorations during school vacation week. For children of all ages. Meet at ranger station. Members: FREE Non-members: \$4.

**Monday, April 16** Wildlife Scavenger Hunt anytime from 10 AM - 3 PM

**Tuesday, April 17** Seashore Search 2 PM

**Wednesday, April 18** Insect Investigations 11 AM

**Thursday, April 19** Night Hike 7:30 PM

**Friday, April 20** Plant Program 11 AM

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21 - 10 AM to 3 PM**

**Charles River Canoe/Kayak Trip**

Rocky Narrows, Sherborn 508/359-7815

Arrive by canoe and visit Rocky Narrows for a guided hike. Wear warm clothes and bring a picnic lunch. Limited to 10 canoes. Some canoes available for rent. Meet at Rte. 27 bridge across the Charles River in Medfield. Pre-registration required by calling Bob Costello at number above. FREE TO ALL.



**SATURDAY, APRIL 28 – 9:30 AM**

**Volunteer Work Day**

Weir River Farm, Hingham 781/821-2977



Help the staff with animal grooming, gardening, painting, and woodland maintenance. Bring your own picnic lunch; we will provide drinks and dessert. If you are interested in being a team leader, please pre-register by April 11. Volunteers please pre-register by April 25. Meet at Turkey Hill Lane parking lot. FREE TO ALL.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29 – 1 PM**

**Meet the Beekeeper**

Weir River Farm, Hingham 781/821-2977

Professional beekeeper, Jared Fitzgerald of Scituate, will teach you everything you ever wanted to know about bee biology, bee society, bee management, and much more! See actual working bee hives and taste local honey. Meet at Turkey Hill Lane parking lot. FREE TO ALL.

**SATURDAY, MAY 5 – 8 AM**

**Birding for Dummies**

World's End, Hingham 781/821-2977

Don't know the difference between a blue jay and a bluebird? Here's your chance to get off your perch and find out! Learn to identify the sights and sounds of our most common birds at World's End. Bring a field guide, binoculars, and wear sturdy walking shoes. Pre-registration required. Members: FREE. Non-members: \$4.

**FRIDAY, MAY 11 – 7:30 PM**

**Family Evening at Turkey Hill**

Weir River Farm, Hingham 781/821-2977



Get acquainted with Turkey Hill! Enjoy an evening with your family while watching the sunset. Evening activities will focus on the area's natural beauty. Meet at Turkey Hill Lane parking lot. FREE TO ALL.

**SATURDAY, MAY 19 – 4:30 PM to 9 PM**

**Beautiful & Beneficial Bats Field Trip**

Bat enthusiast Michelle LoConte, takes you to Moore State Park in Paxton, MA. Learn the truth about bats through an informative slide show. Then, enjoy bat-watching outside at an active nursing colony. Pre-registration required; call 781/740-7233. Van space is limited. Seeking volunteer drivers! Members: \$10. Non-members: \$20. Drivers FREE.

**SUNDAY, MAY 20 – 3 PM**

**Vernal Pools**

Norris Reservation, Norwell 781/821-2977

Find out who lurks in these vernal pools and what makes them important. Preview a new addition to the reservation. Meet at Reservation parking lot. FREE TO ALL.

## WESTERN REGION

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3 AND SUNDAY, MARCH 4**

**Bill Koch New England Ski Festival**

Notchview, Windsor 413/684-0148

Young cross-country skiers from all over New England will be at Notchview for racing and fun. This event, sponsored by the Berkshire Trails Bill Koch League, promises to be an exciting and colorful event. Members: FREE. Non-members: \$8.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21 – 9 AM to 1 PM**

**Chapelbrook Workday**

Chapelbrook, Ashfield 413/684-0148



This is the 13th annual work day with the AMC at Chapelbrook. There is a lot of work to be done on the hiking and climbing access trails. Join AMC volunteers for this fun volunteer event. Date subject to change depending on the AMC's calendar. Call to confirm. FREE TO ALL.

**SUNDAY, MAY 20 – 10 AM**

**Birds and What Not**

Notchview, Windsor 413/684-0148

Join Regional Ecologist Don Reid in a walk through the Hume Brook Forest. The birds will still be establishing their nesting territory and should be vocal. Also, take a

look at other wildlife signs and the general ecology of this spruce-fir forest. Members: FREE. Non-members: adult \$5, child (6-12) \$1.

**SATURDAY MORNINGS, MAY - SEPTEMBER – 7:30 AM**

**The Birds of Southern Berkshire County**

Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield 413/229-8600

Take a journey into the varied habitats of Bartholomew's Cobble and an introduction to nesting and migratory birds of SW Massachusetts. This is a program for the beginner and the expert alike. Feel free to ask questions about optics, field guides, bird ecology, and other subjects. Members: FREE. Non-members: adult \$4, child (6-12) \$1.

**SUNDAY AFTERNOONS, APRIL 22 through MAY 27 – 2 PM to 4 PM**  
**Spring Wildflower Walk at the Cobble**

Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield 413/229-8600

Explore the succession of spring wildflowers. Learn identification and the life histories of these spring beauties. Members: adult \$3, child (6-12) \$1. Non-members: adult \$6, child (6-12) \$2.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 7 – 7:30 PM to 9 PM**

**SATURDAY, MAY 12 – 8 PM to 9:30 PM**

**Astronomy and Star Gazing at the Cobble**

Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield 413/229-8600

Join astronomer Stephan Martin for an introduction to the spring night sky. Stephan runs the observatory at Williams College and can discuss anything relating to the stars, from Greek myths to astrophysics. Bring binoculars and dress warmly. Pre-registration required. Members: adult \$6, child (10-14) \$3. Non-members: adult \$10, child (10-14) \$5.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 6 and SATURDAY, MAY 5 – 6 PM to 8 PM**

**Sounds of a Spring Evening at the Cobble**

Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield 413/229-8600

Learn what is making all those strange sounds out there and why. Dress warmly! Pre-registration required. Group size is limited to guarantee a quality experience. Members: adult \$3, child (6-12) \$1. Non-members: adult \$6, child (6-12) \$2.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14 – 10 AM to 2 PM**

**Volunteer Work Day at the Cobble**

Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield 413/229-8600



Bring your gloves and hand tools and come prepared to get the Cobble ready for the busy season ahead. It's a great time to meet new friends and reacquaint yourself with old friends. A new bridge needs to be built, and an old (small) outbuilding needs to be torn down and removed. There's lots to do! Refreshments provided. FREE TO ALL.

**SUNDAY, MAY 6 – 2 PM to 4 PM**

**Spring Wildflowers at Bartholomew's Cobble**

Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield 413/229-8600

Early spring marks the famous spring ephemeral wildflower show at the Cobble. Walk around Ledges Trail and witness this spectacular event. We'll help you with identification and introduce you to wildflower life history. Members: adult \$3, child (6-12) \$1. Non-members: adult \$6, child (6-12) \$2.

**SATURDAY, MAY 12 – 12 NOON to 2 PM**

**Spring Discovery Day at the Cobble**

Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield 413/229-8600

It's been a long winter, and now it's time to WELCOME SPRING! Walk through the Cobble and explore vernal pools, birds, wildflowers, and everything in between. Members: adult \$3, child (6-12) \$1. Non-members: adult \$6, child (6-12) \$2.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 – 1 PM to 5 PM**

**Naumkeag Tree Peony Preview**

Naumkeag, Stockbridge 413/298-3239

It's must see event! Enjoy the spectacular beauty of the Tree Peonies in bloom at Naumkeag. Enjoy a before-the-season preview at this famous garden and tour the first floor of Naumkeag. Members: FREE. Non-members: adult \$6, child \$2.50.

# NOTEWORTHY

News &amp; Shorts of All Sorts

## Welcome to New Trustees Staff Members

Pamela Barnes, Director of Western Conservation Campaigns  
 Debbi Edelstein, Project Manager, *Fall River Bioreserve*  
 Bob Mill, Administrative Assistant, *Islands Region*  
 Will Garrison, Historic Resources Manager, *Western Region*



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### Tropical King Bird Sighted at World's End

A November sighting of the Tropical King Bird (*Tyrannus melancholicus*) at World's End sent birders far and near into an optical frenzy. Enthusiasts who had read about the sighting on the internet journeyed to Hingham from as far away as New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

Common to Central and South America, this flycatcher had never before been seen in Massachusetts. So, "Why World's End?" you ask. Trustees Naturalist Russ Hopping explains, "This bird was way off course from its normal migratory route and, while flying over the Boston area, it must have been looking for a place to rest and feed. World's End was the ideal grassland oasis in the midst of an otherwise urban and suburban landscape surrounded by water." Many thanks to Trustees member Andrew Joslin of Jamaica Plain who took this photograph of the bird perched in a tree atop Planter's Hill.



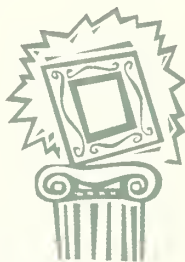
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Northeast Region  
 Historic Resources  
 Manager, Susan Hill  
 Dolan and architectural  
 historian, Richard Guy  
 Wilson in front of The  
 Great House at Castle  
 Hill, Ipswich.

### Castle Hill Featured in David Adler Exhibition in Chicago

Architectural historian Richard Guy Wilson paid a visit to Castle Hill this summer in preparation for his essay about Great House architect, David Adler. Mr. Wilson is preparing an exhibit on the work of Adler for fall 2002 at the Art Institute of Chicago. Richard Guy Wilson is the chair of the Architectural History Department at the University of Virginia, a widely published architectural scholar, and a presenter on the cable television program called *America's Castles*.

**Appraisal Day** Skinner, Inc., auctioneers and appraisers of antiques and fine art, will hold an "Appraisal Day" to benefit The Trustees of Reservations. The appraisal is scheduled for March 3, 2001 from 10 AM to 3 PM and is open to the public. Individuals will have an opportunity to meet one-on-one with specialists in American, English, and Continental furniture and decorative arts and receive a verbal appraisal. The fee is \$5 per object or \$10 for three objects. The event will be held at the Skinner Gallery located on Route 117 (375 Main Street), Bolton, Massachusetts. For more information, call Susan Edwards, Director of Historic Resources, at 978/412-2560.



## Volunteers Make Conservation Works! Another Great Success

Last fall, more than 500 volunteers, bran-dishing tools and braving blustery weather, collectively worked over 2,200 hours on a slew of projects at twenty reservations across the state. Thank you all for making our



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The Bedford High School Environmental Club volunteers at The Old Manse, Concord.

second annual statewide volunteer work day—*Conservation Works! 2000*—a great success! This increasingly popular event is a great way to enjoy a reservation, meet new people, and help The Trustees get a tremendous amount of work done. **Mark your calendars for next year's *Conservation Works!* scheduled for Saturday, November 3, 2001.**

## Help Us Find the Perfect Candidate!

The Trustees is seeking a new *Director of Field Operations*. This is a senior-level position, reporting to the Executive Director, with responsibility for overseeing every operational activity of the organization's 87 reservations. **For a complete job description, visit [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org) ("Opportunities" page) or call 978/921-1944. Application Deadline: February 28, 2001.**

## Organic Turkeys Raised at Historic Powisset Farm

This season, The Trustees leased a part of Powisset Farm to farmers interested in experimenting with organically-raised turkeys. Located next to Noanet Woodlands in Dover, Powisset Farm was well known in the 1940s and 50s for its prize Yorkshire Pigs and Hereford Cattle (see *winter 1999 issue of Special Places*). Leases like this one to Sycamore Farms help The Trustees keep Powisset Farm and other working landscapes in agricultural production. During the season, families from the surrounding neighborhood enjoyed watching the turkeys grow. And, by the end of November, as expected, most of the 200 white beauties had left for their final destination. An interesting footnote to this story was the noticeable increase in the local coyote population. They would



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wait near the paddock for the turkeys to emerge from the barn each morning and hang around all day until they went to sleep at night. At first, the farmers did not realize that coyotes could jump a four-foot-high fence, and at least five birds became an early Thanksgiving feast for the canines!



# SPECIAL EVENT

## EXTENDING THE VIEW

Photographs by Richard Cheek  
of Conserved Landscapes of Massachusetts

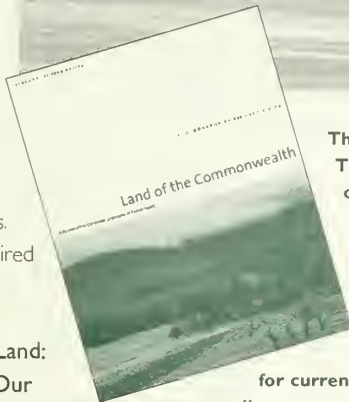
FEBRUARY 8 — JUNE 10, 2001  
CONCORD, MASSACHUSETTS

The Concord Museum and The Trustees of Reservations are pleased to present an exhibition of 40 stunning color photographs by Richard Cheek taken from the new book, *Land of the Commonwealth*, published in October by The Trustees of Reservations. The exhibition highlights some of the most extraordinary conserved landscapes in Massachusetts. A full calendar of activities for adults, children, and families accompanies the exhibition, including:

### Tracking Nature: A Winter Quest at The Old Manse March 4 — 1:30 PM

Join us for a snowshoe clinic and winter quest at The Old Manse. Eastern Mountain Sports will be on-hand with snowshoes and instructions on use.

A guide will explore nature's winter habitat with interested participants on foot or snowshoe. Enjoy a snack afterwards.  
\$10 adult;  
\$5 child;  
\$25 family;  
10% discount for Concord Museum or Trustees members.  
Reservations required (978/369-9763).



This winter scene of The Old Manse is one of nearly 200 images featured in *Land of the Commonwealth* by photographer Richard Cheek. \$40 in bookshops; \$30 (plus tax and shipping) for current members if ordered on-line at [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org) or by phone at 978/921-1944.

### An Eye for the Land: Photographing Our Legacy of Landscapes The Concord Museum March 14 — 7:30 PM

In an illustrated lecture, Richard Cheek shares his perspective on photographing the conserved landscapes of Massachusetts. A book signing and opportunity to visit the exhibition and the Museum's Thoreau Gallery follow. One of a series of lectures, "Re-Viewing Thoreau Country," co-sponsored by the Concord Museum, the Thoreau Institute, and the Thoreau Society. FREE TO ALL.

Additional programs are scheduled in May and June, including a canoe trip, landscape walks, and a photography workshop and contest for students. For more information or to make reservations, call the Concord Museum at 978/369-9763 or visit at [www.concordmuseum.org](http://www.concordmuseum.org).

## THE SEMPER VIRENS SOCIETY



As noted on page 4 in this newsletter, Arthur S. Banks has generously donated a remainder interest, subject to his life estate, in Farandnear, the 82-acre property which has been in his family for three generations. Over the years, he has dedicated many hours to the assemblage and protection of this land, the first parcel of which was purchased by his grandfather in 1900 as a summer home. Winter residents of Boston, the family made the two-day

journey to then-rural Shirley, a trip his grandfather called "Far and Yet Near."

Some time ago, Professor Banks approached The Trustees about preserving Farandnear, initially through a bequest. By donating a remainder interest subject to his life estate, Professor Banks transfers title to The Trustees now and gains the following benefits:

- The opportunity to enjoy the property for his lifetime;
- A significant income tax deduction;
- Avoidance of capital gains taxes on the appreciated value of the property;
- Reduced estate taxes and probate costs; and
- Knowledge that The Trustees will protect and maintain Farandnear in perpetuity.

To ensure adequate financial support for this future reservation, he has pledged the balance of his retirement assets as an endowment. For this multi-faceted planned gift, Professor Banks has joined *The Semper Virens Society*.

### Please let us know

- ☐ Please contact me about including The Trustees in my will or designating IRA or retirement funds.
- ☐ Please contact me about making a gift that provides me or another individual with income for life. DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ I have remembered The Trustees in my estate plan and wish to join *The Semper Virens Society* in recognition of my planned gift.

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## SPECIAL PLACES

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### SPRING PLANT SALES

**SATURDAY, MAY 12**

10 AM - 3 PM

13th Annual Long Hill  
Plant Sale & Auction - Beverly

**SATURDAY, MAY 19**

10 AM - 2 PM

The Stevens-Coolidge Place  
Annual Plant Sale  
North Andover

## Going Places...SPECIAL PLACES!

### Tully Lake Campground at Doane's Falls, Royalston



The waters of Doane's Falls flow into the Tully Lake on whose northern shore is the Tully Lake Campground—an ideal base from which to explore the entire North Quabbin regional landscape.

week. Enjoy swimming, fishing, boating (10-hp limit), canoeing, kayaking, volleyball, and horseshoes. Walk around Tully Lake or hike sections of the emerging 20-km Tully Trail which links Doane's Falls, Jacobs Hill, and Royalston Falls with other private and public conservation land.

Located just 1/4 mile west of Doane's Falls in Royalston, the Tully Lake Campground features 30 walk-in tent-only campsites (13 on waterfront, 2 handicapped-accessible), each with space for 2-3 tents, a picnic table, fireplace, and cooking grill. Campers enjoy a modern comfort station with toilets, hot showers, and water. Firewood is available, and canoes and kayaks may be rented by the day, half-day, or

From April 27 to May 20, The Trustees will open the campground on weekends (Friday noon to Monday morning) for large groups renting at least 15 sites. It's a great opportunity for scouts, student environmental clubs, and other groups to get out and enjoy the spring beauty of north central Massachusetts.

The regular season begins on May 25th, when the campground opens daily until September 4th. Weekend rates are \$15-\$30 per site, with weekday rates at \$10-\$25 per site (depending on site location and number of campers). The campground will also stay open late during the fall on weekends (Friday noon to Monday morning) September 7 to October 28 for large groups only.

**For information, group rates, and reservations, call the Central Regional Office at 978/840-4446. A 30-day notice is required for groups only.**



**TRAVEL DIRECTIONS**  
From Route 2, take Route 32 north to intersection with Doane Hill Road. Turn right and proceed 0.8 mi. to entrance on right.  
Campground phone (seasonal): 978/249-4957

